

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Thomas, Lawrence J.
 Serial No.: 09 845,511
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A fee for additional claims is not required.

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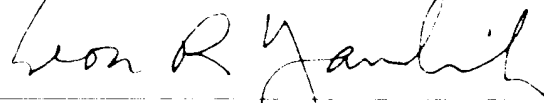
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 - \$725.00 for response within fourth month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(4);
 - \$985.00 for response within fifth month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(5).

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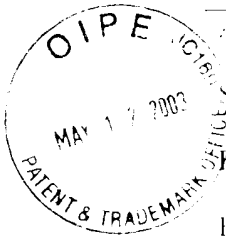
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TRANSMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Transmitted herewith are formal drawings for the above-captioned patent application: Figures 1-10 on ten sheets.

These drawings are submitted in response to a requirement set forth in the Office Action dated November 12, 2002. This paper is submitted simultaneously with a Response to the Office Action and a petition for extension of time for three months, making the new response date Monday, May 12, 2003.

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